



United States Department of the Interior

U. S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Biological Resources Division

Forest & Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center

3200 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, Oregon, 97331

Boise, ID 83706

Student Services Contract: Biological Science Technician

Contract Period: 9/15/2004 – 9/15/2005

Submit resume and attachments to the address above, Attn: Stephanie Galvin

Applications may also be faxed to: (541) 758-8806

Application must be received by: June 25, 2004

Principal Duty Station:

United States Geological Survey, Forest and Rangeland Ecosystem Science Center, 3200 SW Jefferson Way, Corvallis, OR 97331.

The student may enter the building only during business hours or when a project member is present

Type of service required:

Organize and conduct a field study examining the effects of wildfire on terrestrial salamander abundance and area occupied. Measure capture probability of terrestrial salamanders and relate to habitat features. Organize and conduct a field study to optimize monitoring of stream amphibians using occupancy models. Analyze mark-recapture data and write papers for publication in scientific journals. Study areas are in Washington and Oregon.

Required expertise/skills:

Required: must be 21 years of age or older (to comply with government regulations regarding off-road use of official vehicles); valid driver's license and ability to drive off-road and using a manual transmission; willingness to learn marking techniques (including toe-clipping, PIT tagging, and visible implant elastomer tagging); a Master's degree in Wildlife Biology or a related field (graduation date must be within the past 12 months to qualify for a student contract position); thorough knowledge of the analysis of mark-recapture data. Desired: experience with amphibians (including identification of larval amphibians) and experience with Pacific Northwest ecosystems; experience with identification of forest plants; experience using visible implant elastomers.

Description of Working Conditions:

This position requires physical exertion on a daily basis and a high degree of safety awareness at remote field sites. Physical exertion will take the form of heavy lifting/bending, wading in small streams and ponds, and working in difficult terrain under

extreme weather conditions sometimes for long hours. Student will also be required to drive government vehicles over rough terrain, often using four-wheel drive. Survey trips may include camping under primitive conditions. Survey methods training will be provided. The work schedule (full time, 80 hours per two-week pay period) will typically be eight days on and six days off.

Compensation:

This is a contract position. Compensation is \$20.85/hr. Student is responsible for paying Social Security and Income Taxes as none will be withheld by USGS. Transportation will be provided while student is on field trips. USGS will pay the student a modest per diem in accordance with the Government Travel Regulations during field work to defray the costs of meals and lodging.

How to apply:

Student should provide a 1-2 page resume or statement of qualification including student's full legal name, mailing address, telephone number, email address (if any), date and place of birth, citizenship and, if not a US citizen, immigration/visa status, education including descriptions of relevant classes, and work or volunteer experience related to biology. Note: student will be required to provide his/her social security number before any award can be made but need not include it in their resume.

Other documentation:

Transcript listing courses taken and the student's overall GPA. An unofficial transcript is acceptable, but must be legible in order to send via fax. Student must have been enrolled in college within the past 12 months for those who have earned a degree. Proof of current enrollment is required if student is still seeking a degree. Alternatively, some universities are directing students to the National Student Clearinghouse (NSC) for proof of enrollment. For a small fee, the student can print an Enrollment Verification Certificate from www.studentclearinghouse.org. It is the student's responsibility to prove enrollment.

Special Terms:

For all legal purposes, student is regarded as an independent contractor. Payments for services are reportable and taxable as earned income. No Federal, State, or Local income taxes will be deducted. No Social Security or Medicare taxes will be deducted. Student is responsible for payment of all taxes as a result of income received under this order. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) will report the total amount paid under this order to the Internal Revenue Service on a Standard form 1099. The student is not considered an employee and will not receive a W-2 form.

For payment, student must have a checking or savings account at a financial institution that will accept direct deposits of Federal funds.

Student will be required to complete computer security awareness training, First Aid/CPR, and additional safety training related to fieldwork. Training will be provided by the USGS.

The USGS is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Selection for this position will be based solely on merit, fitness, and qualifications without regard to race, sex, color, religion, age, marital status, national origin, non-disqualifying handicap conditions, sexual orientation, or any other non-merit factors. This agency provides reasonable accommodation to applicants with disabilities.

Contact Information:

Contact Stephanie Galvin if you have questions related to the job at (541) 750-7277.

For questions related to application process or submission of paperwork, contact Paula Winningham at 541-750-1050.